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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

**7th May 2017**

**Parish Priest: Very Rev. Declan Canon O Connor VF. Parish Office (Mon – Fri 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm) 068-21188**. After hour’s emergency no. 0870908949.**Email:** listowel@dioceseofkerry.ie. *Notices for Parish Newsletter have to be in by 2.00pm on Thursdays***.** **Funerals** take place on weekdays at 11.30am and Sundays at 12.00 noon. **Baptisms** are at pre-arranged times and must be booked through the Parish Office. **Confessions:** every Saturday after 10.30am Mass. Check out our Parish Web Page and a live stream of all liturgies at [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com) and all Diocesan news on: [**www.dioceseofkerry.ie**](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 6th – 14th May**

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| Saturday13th  | Jerry Murphy, Clieveragh **1st Anniversary** / Danny Barrett, Ballygologue Pk & Clieveragh / Michael Dowling, Derry /Lena & John Mulvihill, Kilarda /Mary Mulvihill, Market St. /Sheila (Cis) Browne, William St. /James & Michael Cronin, Cherrytree Drive & Annie Freedman, England  | **6.15pm****Vigil**  |
|  Sunday 14th  | Jeremiah Scannell, Dromin /Peg Boland, Market St. /Peter Dowling, Woodford Lodge /Kevin (Geg) Sheehy, Ashfield, Birthday Remembrance  | 9.00am |
| **Funeral Mass** Thomas O Sullivan, Derry | 12.00pm |
| Mon 15th  | **Recently Deceased** Elizabeth (Liz)Vann nee Barry late of Greenville & Dirha Cottages died in California & Jane & Patrick Barry, Dirha Cottages  | 10.30am |
| Tues 16th  | Bridie Mulligan, Bridge Road**1st Anniversary**  | 10.30am |
| Wed. 17th  | Eileen O Callaghan, Ennismore | 10.30am |
| Thurs 18th  |  | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 19th  |  | 10.30am |
| Saturday 20th  | Mairead Holly & Joe Lynch, Ballygologue Pk.  / Breda Lynch, Killocrim, **Months Mind** | 10.30am |
|  Thomas Brassil, Coolagown /James & Mike Joe Barrett, Ennismore & Gortnaminch / Alfe Neville, Bedford /Dan Hayes, Bridge Rd / Hannah Mary Finucane, Kilmorna / Deceased Members of the Carmody Family, Clountubird  | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday21st  | Gerald Landers /Mary Anne, John & Frank Murphy, Billerough & Aine Hennessy, Ennismore, Birthday Remembrance  | 9.00am |
| Dan & Kate Hannon, Colbert St. | 12.00pm |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery this Sunday, 14th May***. ***Fr. Toomey, 0871645941.*** *(emergencies only).*

**PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Our Parish Finance Council say sincere thanks for the collection last weekend.

**RECENT DEATHS** **Patrick Gaughan**, Kenny Heights.

**Thomas O Sullivan,** Derry.

**Katrina O Flynn nee Walsh,** late of Ivy House, The Square died in Cobh, Cork.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Bridie Halpin, Greenville / Patrick Brennan, Skehenerin / Alice Forbes nee Hartnett, Middlesex & Killocrim / Mary Mulvihill Market St. / Padneen Moran, Caherciveen, Birthday Remembrance.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**O'CONNELL'S AVE ROSARY** will be recited at the Grotto each Sunday at 6pm during the month of May. All very welcome.

**FINUGE GROTTO** Rosary every Wednesday evening at 8pm.

**KILLOCRIM GROTTO** May Rosary every Friday evening at 8pm.

**TRÓCAIRE 2017** once again Listowel Parish contributed an outstanding amount to Trócaire **€7,735.00**. Many thanks for your donations which will go along way to helping the less fortunate.

**LITURGY GROUP** will meet on Thursday 18th May at 8pm in the ***Parish Meeting Room***. All members are asked to attend.

**St. MICHAEL’S COLLEGE GRADUATION MASS:** taking place at the College on Thursday next March 18th at 12.00 noon.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

* **PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY** – Saturday, 27th May 2017 at 10.30 a.m.
* **PARISH EXAMINATION MASS** for our students doing Junior & Leaving Certificates – Vigil Mass on Saturday 3rd June at 6.15 p.m.
* **ANNUAL PARISH GATHERING** for our Parishioners who minister so generously in our Parish - be it our Parish Choir, Parish Folk Group, Ministers of the Word, Eucharist, Collectors, Counters, Cleaners, Cuppa Ladies, Baptism Teams, Members of PPC, Finance Council, Liturgy Group etc. etc. Friday, June, 9th 2017 at Listowel Arms Hotel beginning with Mass at 8.00 p.m.
* **EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION ON THE FEAST OF CORPUS** **CHRISTI** – immediately after the Vigil Mass on Saturday, 17th June 2017 starting at 7.00 p.m. from the church.
* **CEMETERY MASSES**:

St. Michael’s Cemetery, Tuesday, July 4th 2017 at 8.00 p.m.

St. John Paul’s Wednesday, July 5th 2017 at 8.00 p.m.

Finuge Cemetery: Thursday, July 6th 2017 at 8.00 p.m.

 *More details on above later*

**ST. BRENDAN’S FEAST DAY *Tuesday 16th May.*** A letter to the parishes, people and priests of the Diocese of Kerry. From Bishop Ray Browne. Will be at the back of the Church at all Masses this weekend you can also view it online at Listowel parish web site under parish newsletters.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND 2018** information evening on Thursday 25th may 8pm in parish meeting room.  Important those who intend to go must attend.
**PERMANENT DIACONATE**: Since Autumn the Diocese have been recruiting candidates for the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Kerry. If there are any interested people, make contact with Canon Declan or Bishop’s House as we need the following few months to dialogue with them and together decide who will attend the ‘***Come and See’*** year which commences in September and involves a six weekend programme. The dioceses of Cork and Ross, Cloyne, and Waterford and Lismore are also recruiting at this time.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LISTOWEL LIBRARY** will host two FREE Painting Workshops on Friday May 12th and Friday May 19th from 11.00 Am -12.30 PM. You must attend both sessions as it's a continuation. These classes are open to Senior Members of the Community to Celebrate the 'Bealtaine Festival - celebrating creativity as we age'.  Places are  limited, please call 068-23044 to secure your place.

**FIBROMYALGIA SUFFERS**  meet on Wednesday 17th May at 8pm, Sharp in St. Patrick’s Hall. All are welcome!

**DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AGM** on Thursday 18th May 2017  Mass at 7.30p.m. followed by refreshments and  AGM  at the Church of The Resurrection Killarney Also our **Annual Retreat takes place in** **Ardfert Retreat Centre** **on Thursday  01st June commencing at 9.30 to 3.30 p.m.  (**including lunch.**)** Fr. Bernard Healy will be leading the day with a visit from Bishop Ray.   To book your place contact your parish committee or Diocesan Adoration Secretary Eileen Murphy **at 0874575278.**   All welcome

**LIKE TO QUIT SMOKING? A HSE** 6-week stop smoking support group will start in: Family Resource Centre, John B Keane Rd. Tuesday 16th of May to Tuesday 20th of June 6.30pm to 7.30pm. the course is **free** of charge and delivered by a Smoking Cessation Office, every Tuesday evening for the 6 consecutive weeks. Please confirm booking as places are limited with: Mary: 066-7195617 Kerry Community Services. H.S.E. South, Rathass, Tralee.

***Check out more notices on the Church notice board and our Web Page at*** [***www.listowelparish.com***](http://www.listowelparish.com)

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS NATIONAL COLLECTION DAY: THANK YOU:**  to everyone who supported the special Olympics Ireland National Collection day in Listowel on Friday 5th May 2017. Thanks to all the volunteers who stood at various venues throughout the town. The total was €3,001.00.

**PHIL COULTER IN CONCERT** Moyvane Church Tuesday 13th June 8pm. Tickets €30 in Moyvane Parish Office.

**GREEN RIBBON CAMPAIGN** Get involved in the Green Ribbon campaign over the month of May and let’s get the conversation going around mental health in Kerry. You can pick up a green ribbon from your local library. You don’t need to be an expert to start talking about mental health or have all the answers. Sometimes the most helpful thing you can do is to let someone know that you are there for them and simply listen. Talk, but listen too: Simply being there will mean a lot. Take your lead from the person: As a first step, ask them how best you can help. Avoid the clichés: Phrases like ‘Cheer up’, ‘I’m sure it’ll pass’ and ‘Pull yourself together’ definitely won’t help - Being open minded, non-judgemental and listening will. Keep in touch: There are lots of small ways of showing support - Send a text or just ask someone how they are doing. Don’t just talk about mental health: Just be yourself, chat about everyday things as well. For more information: please contact Julieann Lane, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, HSE Phone (086) 0278272.

**KAHS ANNUAL MASS** The Annual St Brendan's Day Mass for the members of Kerry Archaeological & Historical Society will be celebrated in Our Lady and St Brendan's Church, Tralee on Tuesday 16th May 2017 at 9.30am.

**THE LATIN MASS** (1962 Missal) will be offered in Holy Cross Dominican Church, Tralee on Sunday 21st May, and Sunday 4th June, at 1.30pm. More info from: LatinMassTralee@gmail.com

**KERRY STROKE SUPPORT GROUP** are holding a  Health & Well Being Day on May 26th from 10.30am to 3pm in Baile Mhuire Day Care Centre Tralee for people who have **had** a Stroke. Inputs from various Medical and Wellbeing Therapists including Dr. Richard Liston, Consultant Geriatrician from University Hospital Kerry.  **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**. Cost €10.00. **Limited Availability** . For further info contact Denise @ 066 7123373

**A letter to the parishes, people and priests of the**

**Diocese of Kerry.**

**Bishop’s House, Killarney 8th May 2017**

I encourage each parish to each year celebrate the Feast of St Brendan, either on the Feast Day, May 16th or a Sunday near it. The Feast occurs at a positive and hopeful time of the year. Nature is full of new life again, our world is green again. New life is born among animals and birds. There can equally be new life to our faith. In honouring St Brendan let us honour all our local Christian heritage.

Throughout the diocese there is a tradition of devotion, strong and deep. Notice locally the shrines, halls, schools and churches bearing St Brendan’s name. Notice the stained glass windows and icons and pieces of sculpture or carving and the particular aspects of his life and mission each focuses on. Dates suggest St Brendan could have lived into his nineties, 578 is most often given as the date of his death. St Brendan travelled far, initially to deepen his faith, spending time in such monasteries as Clonard, Co Meath. Later he journeyed in Ireland to share his faith, founding monasteries such as Cloontuskert Co Roscommon, and, Clonfert and Annaghdown, both in Co Galway. It is believed he went to those places because people from his native Kerry had migrated there. Sharing the faith is essentially telling people of, and showing them, God and His great love for us. Monasteries were places of learning and education for the locality, places of care for the sick and the poor, places of agricultural improvement, - all making present God’s love. St Brendan’s concern was not confined to Ireland. He certainly travelled to many of the islands off Scotland and the possibility exists of beyond that towards America. Some of these travels are associated with his later years when he was a great age. Three outstanding characteristics of St Brendan come to mind: his passion to share his faith at home in Ireland; his bringing that Gospel as a blessing to people in far distant lands; and his great trust in God as he journeyed. These characteristics are displayed in Fatima which this month celebrates it’s centenary. I will be in Fatima on St Brendan’s Feast Day. A village happening drew a response from the whole world. For a century Fatima has given assurance and comfort world-wide to those deeply frightened of national and international catastrophes. The past century was so awful for so many: think of two World Wars, think of the era of the Soviet Union and the fear of Soviet dominance of all of Europe, think of civil terror in Portugal. Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima has always been and continues to be a great source of comfort and assurance and a powerhouse of prayer and devotion world-wide.

Through St Brendan what is God saying to us in our time? As communities today are we challenged and missioned to deepen our faith and to live God’s love within our communities? The crowds of pilgrims who gather continuously at Fatima remind us of how world-wide the faith gives meaning to people’s lives: how much trouble and distress there is in the world, - how much our world needs, love and care, gentleness and kindness. Can we do anything to share the Gospel of Christ’s love with other communities?

Often St Brendan is depicted in a boat in full sail with a simple cross at the centre of the sail. Let us in our parishes’ journey with the cross likewise held high. May St Brendan intercede for our diocese in all our needs:

O God who helped St Brendan navigate the seas

in his eagerness to spread the Gospel;

grant us, at his intercession,

on our journey through life

to set our course according to your peace

and bring us to the harbour we desire in heaven. (Collect of the Mass of St Brendan)

**Yours Sincerely,**

**+ Ray Browne**

**Diocese of Kerry.**